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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Hon. Steven W. Williams, Secretary
Postal Rate Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

In connection with the Commission's rules pertaining to periodic reports, I have enclosed copies of the report of Revenue, Pieces and Weight (RPW) by rate category and special service for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. This report consists of two parts:

1. Mailing Services (Market Dominant Products), Revenue, Pieces and Weight by Classes of Mail and Special Services for Quarter 2, Fiscal Year 2009 (Jan. 1, 2009 – Mar. 31, 2009) Compared with the Corresponding Period of Fiscal Year 2008, **Public Report**; and
2. Shipping Services (Competitive Products), Revenue, Pieces and Weight by Classes of Mail and Special Services for Quarter 2, Fiscal Year 2009 (Jan. 1, 2009 – Mar. 31, 2009) Compared with the Corresponding Period of Fiscal Year 2008, **Public Report**.

I have enclosed a disk with machine-readable version, consisting of one Excel file containing both parts of this public report. This entire electronic file may be posted on the internet.

As I explained in my letters dated December 12, 2008, and February 6, 2009, which transmitted the RPW reports for Quarter 4 of FY 2008, and FY 2008, respectively, this Quarter 2, FY 2009, report (Public Report), in the second part

(Shipping Services), aggregates detailed information pertaining to competitive shipping services. Aggregation of the data for competitive services in the second part of the Quarter 1 report is consistent with the structure and provisions of the PAEA and Commission rules, under which competitive services are afforded more flexibility than under the Postal Reorganization Act. In this regard, the Postal Service believes that disclosure of detailed RPW information pertaining to competitive products would place the Postal Service at a disadvantage in relation to firms in the private sector with which the Postal Service must compete. Accordingly, the Postal Service has elected to report such information publicly only in aggregated form.

As with previous reports, while the Postal Service has concluded that it has a strong interest in limiting public reporting of information pertaining to competitive products, it acknowledges the Commission's interest in continuing to be apprised of such information. In light of that understanding, I have included with the public version of the Quarter 2, FY 2009, RPW report a restricted version that disaggregates the international and domestic data pertaining to competitive products (Restricted Report). This alternative, restricted version is only being provided in hard copy, and should not be made public. It has been marked as restricted and confidential. The Postal Service believes that it contains information that would not be subject to mandatory disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. In particular, the competitive product information would be exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and 39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2), as information that would not be disclosed under good business practice. The Postal Service believes that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 504(g), the Commission should not to disclose the disaggregated information contained in the alternative version of the Quarter 2, FY 2009, report.

If you have any questions regarding this report or the discussion above, please call.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Taylor